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Senator Lyndon B. Jenness
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

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Allen W. Dullee Director

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Senator Richard B. Russell/ United States Senate Washington 25, D. C.

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Henorable Paul J. Kilday House of Representatives Washington 25, D. C.

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Handwritten P.S.: I read with interest your comment to the press on this subject. It was excellent. AWD

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Honorable Homer B. Capebart United States Senate Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Capehart:

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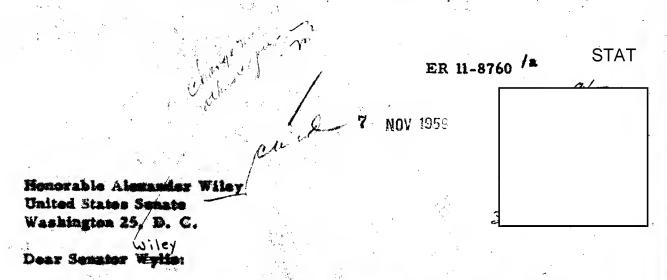
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